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**CONFIRMATION NO. 8115**

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**FORMALITIES LETTER**



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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**
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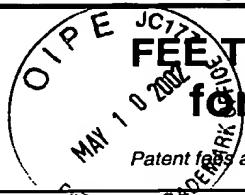
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## Complete if Known

Application Number	09/974,973
Filing Date	October 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Paul D. HANKE
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See 37 CFR 1.27

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106	330	206	165
107	510	207	255
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	\$130.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	\$920.00
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/974,973; Filed: October 12, 2001  
For: **Feedback-Resistant Pyruvate Carboxylase Gene From  
Corynebacterium**  
Inventor: Paul D. HANKE  
Our Ref: 1533.1230001/MAC/RGM

Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted and Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules dated **December 10, 2001** Applicant(s) submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
3. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts including the submission to Comply with Sequence Rules;
4. Original Declaration, executed by the inventor;
5. Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing with clean copy of Figures 2A and 2B attached;
6. Request to Approve Proposed Drawing Corrections with Figures 2A and 2B attached and proposed corrections noted in red;
7. Paper and computer readable copy of Sequence Listing;
8. Return postcard; and

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9. Our Check No. 35126 for \$1,050.00 to cover:  
\$ 130.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)  
\$ 920.00 For extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), the submission of this sequence listing includes no new matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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